

# Determining 2026-2027 Free & Reduced-Price Meal Applications

Where does my reimbursement come from?

**Federal FREE**  
**< 130%**  
**Income Eligible**

USDA – B \$2.54  
 L \$4.85  
 ND – B \$0.00  
 L \$0.00

**Federal REDUCED**  
**130-185%**  
**Income Eligible**

USDA – B \$2.24  
 L \$4.45  
 ND – B \$0.30  
 L \$0.40

**Federal Denied**  
**Old Paid (P)**  
**Not Income Eligible**

**STATE 225**  
**185-225%**  
**STATE**  
**Income Eligible**  
**Not Counted for Verification**

USDA – B \$0.42  
 L \$0.54  
 ND – B \$2.12  
 L \$4.31

**PAID**  
**> 225%**  
**Not Federal or State**  
**Income Eligible**  
**Not Counted for Verification**

USDA – B \$0.42  
 L \$0.54  
 ND – B \$0.00  
 L \$0.00

**Categorical Free**

**SNAP / TANF / FDIPIR**  
**Number Provided**

Please note that Categorical Free also includes:  
**Homeless (McKinney-Vento),**  
**Migrant, and State Placed Foster**  
**Students**

**Medicaid numbers on an Application Can Not Be Accepted.**  
 Medicaid is only allowed by a **DHS-MF** or **DHS-MR** indicator on the Direct Certification List in STARS.

Check ALL Applications against your Direct Certification List in STARS. Write Changed to DC on the application and file in the Not Counted for Verification Folder.

**Changed to**  
**Directly Certified "DC"**  
**Not Counted for Verification**

**Free SNAP**  
**STARS "DHS-FS"**

**Free Medicaid**  
**STARS "DHS-MF"**

**Free TANF**  
**STARS "DHS-AF"**

**Reduced Medicaid**  
**STARS "DHS-MR"**

## Please Remember:

**Federal Denied (over federal income guidelines) applications are matched against the STATE 225 guidelines.**

- To the applicant who qualifies for meals under 225% of the Poverty Level, they will receive One Breakfast and Lunch per day at No Cost.
  - Snack is not included
- To the district, however, we need to qualify and report students and meals by the different statuses due to varying federal and state reimbursement rates for each status.

**Medicaid Free (DHS-MF) and Medicaid Reduced (DHS-MR) have been added to the STARS Direct Certification Notification**

- Medicaid can only be indicated by the Direct Certification List and does not allow for application indication.

|                                      |                                         |          |         |          |               |                                            |          |             |          |               |                                              |        |          |          |               |                               |         |         |       |      |      |      |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------|---------|----------|---------------|--------------------------------------------|----------|-------------|----------|---------------|----------------------------------------------|--------|----------|----------|---------------|-------------------------------|---------|---------|-------|------|------|------|
| Family of 3<br>Earns \$61,500 YEARLY | Not Free<br>Earns More than<br>\$35,516 |          |         |          |               | Not Reduced<br>Earns More than<br>\$50,542 |          |             |          |               | Not State 225<br>Earns More than<br>\$61,470 |        |          |          |               | Student is determined<br>PAID |         |         |       |      |      |      |
|                                      | Federal Free Meals – 130 Percent        |          |         |          |               | Federal Reduced-Price Meal – 185 Percent   |          |             |          |               | State 225 – 225 Percent                      |        |          |          |               |                               |         |         |       |      |      |      |
|                                      | Household Size                          | Yearly   | Monthly | 2x Month | Every 2 Weeks | Household Size                             | Yearly   | Monthly     | 2x Month | Every 2 Weeks | Household Size                               | Yearly | Monthly  | 2x Month | Every 2 Weeks |                               |         |         |       |      |      |      |
|                                      | Multiply                                |          | 12      | 24       | 26            | 52                                         | Multiply |             | 12       | 24            | 26                                           | 52     | Multiply |          | 12            |                               | 24      | 26      | 52    |      |      |      |
|                                      | Error Phone                             | \$1,200  | \$100   | \$50     | \$50          | \$50                                       | \$25     | Error Phone | \$1,200  | \$100         | \$50                                         | \$50   | \$50     | \$25     | Error Phone   |                               | \$1,200 | \$100   | \$50  | \$50 | \$50 | \$25 |
|                                      | 1                                       | \$20,748 | \$1,729 | \$865    | \$798         | \$399                                      | 1        | \$29,526    | \$2,461  | \$1,231       | \$1,136                                      | \$568  | 1        | \$35,910 | \$2,993       |                               | \$1,496 | \$1,381 | \$691 |      |      |      |
| 2                                    | \$28,132                                | \$2,345  | \$1,173 | \$1,082  | \$541         | 2                                          | \$40,034 | \$3,337     | \$1,669  | \$1,540       | \$770                                        | 2      | \$48,690 | \$4,058  | \$2,029       | \$1,873                       | \$936   |         |       |      |      |      |
| 3                                    | \$35,516                                | \$2,960  | \$1,480 | \$1,366  | \$683         | 3                                          | \$50,542 | \$4,212     | \$2,106  | \$1,944       | \$972                                        | 3      | \$61,470 | \$5,123  | \$2,561       | \$2,364                       | \$1,182 |         |       |      |      |      |

Transferring Meal Status Determination to Infinite Campus



| Rank | Certified Type                            | Source     | Eligibility |
|------|-------------------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| 1    | SNAP (DHS-FS)                             | Direct     | Free        |
| 2    | TANF (DHS-AF)                             | Direct     | Free        |
| 3    | Medicaid (DHS-MF)                         | Direct     | Free        |
| 4    | FDPIR, Foster, Homeless, Migrant, Runaway | Direct     | Free        |
| 5    | Income (Free)                             | Non-Direct | Free        |
| 6    | Medicaid (DHS-MR)                         | Direct     | Reduced     |
| 7    | Income (Reduced)                          | Non-Direct | Reduced     |
| 8    | Income (State)                            | Non Direct | State 225   |
| 9    | Income (Paid)                             | Non Direct | Paid        |